

## ADOBE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

This month the restoration of Upper Reach 5 of Adobe Creek transitions to a Santa Clara Valley Water District capital project. Surveying, hydrology, and hydraulic modeling for the new project are beginning, marking significant progress for the Adobe Creek Upper Reach 5 Collaborative.

The Collaborative, an organization including creekside residents and other citizens concerned with Adobe Creek, the Town of Los Altos Hills, the City of Los Altos, several Regulatory Agencies, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, has been in existence for the past year. In order to formalize the Collaborative, demonstrate commitment to the process, establish operating processes, and define expectations, roles and responsibilities, the participants have drafted the Collaborative Principles. All members are being asked to read and approve this document to promote common understanding and the continued support critical for the ultimate success of the project.

More information on the Adobe Creek Upper Reach 5 project is available at [www.lahopenspace.com/Adobe5](http://www.lahopenspace.com/Adobe5) or by e-mailing [adobecreek@hotmail.com](mailto:adobecreek@hotmail.com).

## ELECTION RESULTS

2004 Los Altos Hills City Council Election Results\*  
9/9 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
MIKE O'MALLEY	2,494	22.73%
CRAIG A.T. JONES	2,466	22.48%
JEAN (JOHN) MORDO	2,427	22.12%
COLETTE CRANSTON	2,298	20.95%
CAROL JEAN GOTTLIEB	1,278	11.65%
Write-In	8	0.07%
Total	10,971	100.00%

\*result as of 11-12-04

Final results to be certified on 11/30/04

Top 3 vote getters to be sworn

in on 12/2/04 city Council meeting

## PROGRESS REPORT: TOWN MASTER PATHWAY PLAN

After twelve months of long meetings and much public input, the Pathway Committee made great progress in updating the town Master Pathway Plan.

What has happened so far? Between Jan-Aug '04 the Committee held several, open meetings and produced a first set of pathway recommendations. The Committee was instructed to focus only on future paths. Thus the recommendations being made are only for "future" pathways, i.e. ones that are in our Master Plan, but do not yet exist. The first eight months of meeting resulted in "Working Map version 1". Each future path has a recommendation with a specific reference number and a clear, documented reason for retaining or removing the path.

In late August the Committee held three public hearings to gather resident input and feedback. Based on this, the Committee scheduled a "final review" for pathways that received a significant amount of input. The Committee is now in the process of completing these final reviews: each path will be re-visited, re-discussed and given a final recommendation by the Committee. The next meetings are Nov 15th, 22nd and Dec 6th. Working Map Version 2 will then be completed by mid December.

What will happen next? Around early January, the Pathway Committee will present Map version 2 to the Planning Commission for joint study & review. The Planning Commission may also hold a public hearing at this time. Once the Planning Commission approves the map, it will go to the Council for final review, public hearing and approval. This is expected sometime in 1Q05. Please feel free to contact Karen Jost, Town Clerk ([kjost@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:kjost@losaltoshills.ca.gov)), Chris Vargas, Chairman ([chris.vargas@earthlink.net](mailto:chris.vargas@earthlink.net)) or Ginger Summit, Vice Chairman ([gsummit@earthlink.net](mailto:gsummit@earthlink.net)) if you have any questions.

## Underground Utility Report

### Pilot Project: What Is A Rule 20A Program?

PG&E buries approximately 30 miles of overhead electric facilities within its service area each year. This work is done under provisions of Rule 20A, a tariff on electricity created by the California Public Utilities Commission.

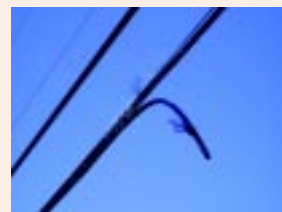
Projects performed under Rule 20A are nominated by a city, county or municipal agency and discussed with PG&E, as well as other utilities. The costs for undergrounding under Rule 20A are funded by this tariff we all pay as part of our electric bill.

The short-term goal for the Underground Utility Committee is to conduct a pilot project, burying some wires along a stretch of town road that is highly visible to a wide range of Town residents. Based on a number of factors, our top choices are the stretch of wires on Purissima along the baseball fields (site of the annual Town picnic) and a shorter stretch along Byrne Preserve. We believe we have enough funds to do both, but the cost estimates are not yet complete.

This pilot project will be funded entirely by Rule 20A funds. At this time we have about \$700,000 of unused Rule 20A funds that have accrued slowly over many years. The annual increase in these funds for each town is based on the amount of electricity used. In towns with high electrical use (e.g. those with large factories), these funds add up fairly quickly.

But in our pure residential town, the 20A funds trickle in slowly. If we were to rely solely on this source of funds to bury the town's wires, the last pole would be removed in about 3000 years. We hope to get the job done long before then.

—Underground Utility Committee



*Example of broken overhead lines on Anacapa Drive*